Condition of Refugee Camps in Jammu

*618. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the bad conditions of refugee camps in Jammu;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the conditions of the migrants from the Kashmir Valley; and

(c) the steps taken to offer proper education to the children living in these camps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) Problems of camp-dwelling migrants at Jammu, which mainly relate to timely disbursement of relief, accommodation, medical facilities, facilities of sanitation, water supply, electricity, proper education of children and overall condition of camps, are reviewed periodically at high official level by Government of Jammu and Kashmir and all possible efforts are made to alleviate their difficulties.

(c) Three camp colleges, eight higher secondary schools and two high schools have been established in Jammu for migrant students. A sub-registry by Kashmir University has been opened in Jammu. Facilities are also being provided by various State Governments to migrant students for admission in various courses.

National Health Policy

*619, SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: (a) whether Government have framed a National Health Policy; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to provide due medical care including medicines to all the citizens of the country free of cost;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that with the improvised infrastructure with ill-equipped, unhygienic hospitals with non-existent supply of medicines and impolite and curt staff, Government's objective of providing due health care to people has been defeated; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) National Health Policy has been adopted by the Government of India with the approval of the Parliament in 1983. The objectives envisaged under National Health Policy are:

(i) Commitment to the goal of 'Health for All by 2000 A.D.' through comprehensive primary health care approach and community participation.

(ii) Adoption of the small family norm.

(iii) Re-structuring of medical and health education to support the manpower requirements.

(iv) Dissemination of health education amongst the community.

(v) To develop a referral system.

(vi) To establish epidemiological stations with duly trained staff.

(vii) Rehabilitation of the mentally retarded, deaf, dumb, blind, physically disabled, infirm and aged & according priority to tribal, hilly and backward areas.

(viii) Involving I.S.M. & homoeopathic practitioners in the health care delivery systems.

(ix) Launching important National Health Programme.